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Special Reports

TIPO-ILPO Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Program Commences January 2, 2026, to Facilitate Global Patent Portfolios for Businesses

The Taiwan Intellectual Property Office (TIPO) and the Israel Patent Office (ILPO) have jointly announced that the TIPO–ILPO Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program will officially launch on January 2, 2026. This collaboration makes Israel TIPO’s eighth PPH partner.

The PPH mechanism enables the mutual utilization of search and examination results between both offices, eliminating the need for duplicative examination and significantly shortening patent prosecution timelines. This streamlined procedure reduces administrative costs and burdens for applicants. TIPO expects this initiative to help businesses gain a first-mover advantage in the market and strengthen the development of comprehensive global patent portfolios, providing a solid foundation for domestic industries to enhance their international competitive edge.

To facilitate the smooth use of this program by all stakeholders, TIPO has completed the necessary supporting measures. A dedicated “TIPO–ILPO PPH” section has been established under “Patent Application / PPH” on the official website, where the comprehensive operational guidelines and the direct link to information on filing PPH applications with the ILPO are available. All interested parties are encouraged to explore and make full use of these resources.

TIPO–ILPO PPH: <https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/patents/1062-68821.html>

The direct link to information on filing PPH applications with the ILPO:
<https://www.gov.il/en/pages/patents-guides?chapterIndex=3S>

News Release: Taiwan and Israel Sign MOUs on PPH and IP Collaborations
<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/en/tipo2/324-68856.html>

Legal Amendments

1. Revisions to the Directions for Deferral of Substantive Examination of Invention and Design Patent Applications Take Effect January 1, 2026

In 2024, TIPO revised the “Directions for Deferral of Substantive Examination of Invention and Design Patent Applications,” allowing re-examination and divisional applications for invention and design patents to also be eligible for deferral of substantive examination. To further address stakeholder feedback, TIPO again amended the Directions in 2025, extending the maximum deferral periods. This initiative aims to support applicants in patent portfolio development and commercialization by providing greater flexibility.

Key revisions include:

- (1) Stipulating that applicants for invention patents may apply for deferral only once, and extending the maximum period for deferring substantive examination and specifying a date for its continuation from three years to five years. (Points 2 and 4 of the Directions)
- (2) Stipulating that applicants for design patents may apply for deferral only once, and extending the maximum period for deferring substantive examination and specifying a date for its continuation from one year to two years. (Points 3 and 4 of the Directions)
- (3) Stipulating the grounds under which the patent authority may dismiss an application for deferral or terminate the deferral process. (Point 7 of the Directions)

Announcement of the Revisions to the Directions for Deferral of Substantive Examination of Invention and Design Patent Applications (Mandarin):

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/patents/515-68715.html>

1. TIPO Statistics Report: Patent and Trademark Applications in 2025

In 2025, TIPO received a total of 71,965 patent applications, representing a 1% decrease from the previous year. Among them, invention patent applications (51,230) increased by 1%, while utility model (14,000) and design patent applications (6,735) declined by 4% and 8%, respectively.

Foreign invention patent applications increased by 2% to 31,719 in 2025, continuing an upward trend since 2021. A breakdown by applicant nationality shows that Japan maintained its leading position with 12,524 applications, followed by the United States (6,954), Mainland China (3,703), the Republic of Korea (3,346), and Germany (1,051).

However, non-resident design applications declined by 12% to 3,543. Japan led with 852 applications, followed by the United States (621), Mainland China (605), Switzerland (456), and the Republic of Korea (169). Among the top five countries (regions), Switzerland recorded a notable increase of 23%. In contrast, Japan declined by 3%, and the United States, Mainland China, and the Republic of Korea also decreased by 15%-20%.

Trademark applications rose by 8% to an all-time high of 97,411 in 2025. Measured by the number of classes, the total reached 124,242, representing a 10% year-on-year increase. This growth was primarily driven by resident filings, which hit a new record of 75,573 cases (+9%), while non-resident applications also grew by 4% to 21,838.

Among the top five foreign countries (regions) filing trademark applications, the Republic of Korea recorded the strongest growth at 25% from the previous year, followed by the United States (+7%), Mainland China (+3%), and Japan (+1%). In contrast, Hong Kong recorded a 13% decline.

TIPO continues its efforts to enhance the quality and efficiency of patent and trademark examinations. Specifically, the average first action pendency for invention patents was reduced to 8.0 months in 2025, a decrease of 0.4 months from the previous year. Similarly, the average first action pendency for trademark applications was shortened by 0.5 months to 5.6 months. These improvements in examination efficiency help enterprises obtain their rights more quickly to strengthen their industry IP portfolios.

TIPO Statistics Report: Patent and Trademark Applications in 2025:

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/en/tipo2/363-80863.html>

2. TIPO Releases 2025 Top 100 Patent Applicants

TIPO released its 2025 Statistical Rankings for Patent Applications and Grants. Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC) remained the top domestic applicant for invention patents for the tenth consecutive year, filing 1,485 applications. Among foreign applicants, Applied Materials of the United States retained the leading position with a record-breaking 1,088 applications. In the institutional categories, the Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI) remained the vanguard among research organizations with 328 filings, while National Cheng Kung University led the academic sector with 134 applications. Regarding patent grants, TSMC and Applied Materials secured the top spots for domestic and foreign entities, with 1,543 and 684 grants respectively.

TSMC maintained its commanding lead in 2025, topping the domestic invention patent rankings for the tenth consecutive year with 1,485 applications, a 5% year-on-year increase. AU Optronics (397) secured the second position, followed by Hon Hai Precision Industry (340), Nanya Technology (328), ITRI (328), Inventec (316), Realtek Semiconductor (286), Delta Electronics (280), MediaTek (269), and Innolux (235). Among the top ten domestic applicants, Hon Hai Precision

Industry recorded the highest growth rate at 31%, while Delta Electronics achieved its highest filing volume in the last 18 years.

In 2025, Applied Materials of the United States retained the top position among foreign invention patent applicants for the second consecutive year, filing 1,088 applications. Tokyo Electron of Japan ranked second with 773 applications, followed by Samsung Electronics of the Republic of Korea (741), Coupang of the Republic of Korea (675), and Qualcomm of the US (570). The remainder of the top ten included Kioxia of Japan (454), Nitto Denko of Japan (406), Shin-Etsu Chemical of Japan (359), Lam Research of the US (276), and Resonac of Japan (270). Among the top ten foreign applicants, Kioxia recorded the highest growth rate at 105%.

Press Release: TIPO Releases 2025 Top 100 Patent Applicants:

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/en/tipo2/363-80865.html>

3. TIPO Offers a Range of Accelerated Patent Examination Programs to Support Innovation

To support patent applicants, including startups and female inventors, and to expedite patent grants for creations such as green technologies and outstanding designs, TIPO provides several accelerated examination programs. These initiatives are designed to help creators shorten examination timeframes and facilitate the strategic development of global patent portfolios. Applicants from all sectors are welcome to explore and make full use of these resources.

(1) Accelerated Examination Program (AEP)

I. The AEP is available under four specific grounds:

- i. Ground 1: The corresponding foreign application has been substantively examined and granted by a foreign patent office.

- ii. Ground 2: The corresponding foreign application has received an office action and a search report from the USPTO, JPO, or EPO, but has not yet been granted.
 - iii. Ground 3: The application is needed for commercial implementation.
 - iv. Ground 4: The invention relates to green technology, including: (1) Technologies for energy saving, new energy, or new energy 3 vehicles; and (2) Invention patent applications involving carbon reduction or resource-saving technologies.
- II. Once all required documents are filed, TIPO will issue the notice of examination results within six to nine months, depending on the specific ground. However, the actual duration may vary based on the technical field of the patent application.
- (2) Positive Patent Examination Pilot Program for Startup Companies
- I. On January 5, 2021, TIPO launched this program to support startup companies in accelerating patent portfolio development. The initiative has since won broad acclaim from applicants and patent agents alike, prompting the pilot period to be extended for an additional year, starting January 1, 2026.
 - II. Once an application is deemed eligible, TIPO will provide interview materials, including a search report and preliminary examination opinions, within one month, and conduct a proactive interview within the same timeframe. During the interview, examiners will disclose their preliminary views and offer constructive suggestions for amendment. Following the interview, applicants have one month to decide whether to submit a response or amendments. If submitted, TIPO will issue the notice of examination results within one month. Should no grounds for rejection remain, this notice will serve as the official grant decision. Through this program, startups can significantly shorten their waiting time and enhance the overall value of their patents.
 - III. In 2025, the average duration from application filing to receiving the notice of examination results was only 66 days (2.2 months). This timeframe was

significantly shorter than that of the standard invention patent examination route, effectively enabling startups to rapidly develop their patent portfolios.

(3) Industry Collaborative Patent Interview Pilot Program

- I. Launched in 2023, this program aims to enhance the examination efficiency and quality of patent applications involving cutting-edge technologies while helping applicants expedite patent acquisition. Following the expiration of its initial term on January 2, 2025, TIPO assessed its examination capacity to revise the program and extend the pilot through December 31, 2026.
- II. Eligibility for the program is available to applicants filing invention patent applications in cutting-edge sectors, as determined by the authority.

(4) Pilot Program for Accelerated Examination of Invention Patent Applications Filed by Female Applicants

- I. To encourage women's participation in innovation, TIPO specifically introduced this one-year pilot program, effective July 1, 2025. During the trial period, a total quota of 50 applications is available. For the first two months, TIPO accepted up to five applications monthly; from the third month onward, the limit will be adjusted to four applications per month. Furthermore, each female applicant is limited to a maximum of five applications throughout the pilot period.
- II. The eligibility criteria for this program are as follows:
 - i. The applicants for the invention patent must be natural persons and include a female; if the female applicant is the inventor or one of the inventors, she may apply for this program.
 - ii. Applications must be submitted via TIPO's electronic filing system.
 - iii. Domestic female applicants must provide their ID in the electronic application; foreign applicants must submit relevant documents proving their female identity.

iv. The applicants must submit their requests after receiving TIPO's notice that substantive examination will commence, but before receiving the first office action.

III. For invention patent applications that meet the requirements of this program, TIPO examiners will conduct accelerated examination and issue either an office action or a patent grant notice within six months from the date of the accelerated examination request.

(5) Accelerated Examination Pilot Program for Design Patents

I. To provide more diverse and flexible examination options for design patent applications, the program's initial term ran from September 1, 2023, to December 31, 2024. Following a thorough evaluation of its effectiveness, TIPO has extended this program through December 31, 2026.

II. The program details are as follows:

i. Application timing: Design patent applications may be submitted under this program after receiving TIPO's notice that examination will commence, but before receiving the first office action.

ii. Application method: Applicants must submit their requests electronically in accordance with TIPO regulations and attach the relevant supporting documents. No application fees are required for this pilot program.

iii. Grounds for application:

Ground 1: Commercial exploitation by a third party

Ground 2: The design has received a recognized domestic or international design award, or

Ground 3: Design patent applications filed by startup

III. Eligible startups under this program are companies registered and established under Taiwan's Company Act or the laws of a foreign country that have been in existence for less than eight years. The company's age is calculated from the date

of establishment to the filing date of the design patent application; companies less than eight years old are eligible. If priority is claimed, the calculation period shall be based on the earliest priority date.

IV. For applicants that are foreign companies, documents proving the company's establishment date must be submitted along with a Chinese translation. If the submitted document is not an original, a declaration of authenticity must also be provided.

(6) Accelerated Examination Program for Reexamination (AEPR_e)

I. The AEPR_e program targets reexamination cases in which the initial examination rejects some claims while leaving others unchallenged. It encourages applicants, during reexamination, to proactively amend the patent claims in accordance with the initial examination's approval scope. If applicants choose to adopt the AEPR_e program as part of their application strategy, their reexamination cases can benefit from accelerated examination under this program.

II. In 2025, TIPO received a total of 44 AEPR_e applications, 42 of which have already concluded. The average duration from filing a request to receiving the examination results was 19.6 days, compared with 10 to 13 months for standard re-examinations. This streamlined approach has proven tremendously beneficial, enabling applicants to secure their patent rights in a significantly shorter timeframe.

4. TIPO Launches New Patent Annuity Reduction Policy: One-Time Application for Multi-Year Continuous Eligibility

To enhance administrative efficiency, the Taiwan Intellectual Property Office (TIPO) has streamlined the application procedures for patent annuity reductions. This policy applies to two specific groups: (1) domestic and foreign businesses that meet the "Standards for Identifying Small and Medium-sized Enterprises," and (2) foreign educational institutions accredited by the Ministry of Education. Eligible patentees will now enjoy a more convenient process when applying for annuity reductions.

Patentees may now apply for annuity reductions simultaneously when paying the certificate fee and the first-year annuity. Alternatively, after obtaining the patent right, they may submit a single "Patent Annuity Reduction Application Form" to cover years 2 through 6. This one-time application model eliminates the need for annual filings, provided that the patentee continues to meet the eligibility criteria, significantly increasing convenience.

TIPO reminds patentees that while enjoying these streamlined services, they remain obligated to provide honest and accurate declarations. After a reduction is granted, patentees must ensure they still meet the eligibility criteria each year and pay the reduced fees in accordance with the "Regulations of Patent Fees." Failure to do so may result in required surcharges on a pro-rata basis or, in the case of underpayment, the automatic lapse of patent rights.

Detailed FAQs and further information are available on TIPO's official website.

Announcement of Streamlined Application Procedures for Patent Annuity Reduction (Mandarin):

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/tipo1/799-68749.html>

5. TIPO's Certificate Search System Offers Official Case-specific QR Codes to Facilitate Verification and Deter Infringement

To enhance the accessibility and market credibility of patent and trademark certificates, TIPO has optimized its "Certificate Search System" as of January 2026. The system now generates case-specific QR codes embedded with the official TIPO emblem. This allows right holders to easily obtain TIPO-certified QR codes for use on products, packaging, documentation, promotional materials, and digital content, increasing the transparency of intellectual property information

Specifically, the introduction of these official QR codes offers three major benefits:

- (1) **Convenience for Consumers:** By scanning the code with a mobile device, the public can instantly access the official database to view the latest case details and the real-time legal status of patents or trademarks.
- (2) **Enhanced Consumer Trust:** The inclusion of the official TIPO emblem allows consumers to quickly identify the information as officially verified, reassuring customers of the product's authenticity.
- (3) **Effective Infringement Prevention:** Displaying clear and reliable official patent and trademark status helps deter potential infringing activities by third parties.

This service is free of charge and requires no additional application. It can be accessed directly through the TIPO Certificate Search System. Right holders are encouraged to make full use of this new feature.

TIPO Certificate Search System (Mandarin):

<https://cloud.tipo.gov.tw/S220/cert>

6. TIPO Announces Taiwan-Japan Concordance Tables for Nice Classification of Goods and Services (13th Edition, Version 2026)

Following the revisions to the Nice Classification (13th Edition, Version 2026) by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), TIPO has updated the "Taiwan-Japan Concordance Tables for Nice Classification of Goods and Services (13th Edition, Version 2026)" accordingly. This update enables applicants from Taiwan and Japan to efficiently and accurately designate goods or services and conduct searches for similar prior trademarks before filing applications with TIPO or the Japan Patent Office (JPO). All interested parties are encouraged to make full use of these resources.

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/wSite/public/Attachment/005/f1772499160543.ods>

7. IPC Version 2026.01 Implementation: Effective Dates for New Patent Applications

The information regarding the 2026.01 edition of the International Patent Classification (IPC) is now available on TIPO's official website. Starting March 6, 2026, TIPO will classify all newly filed patent applications according to this updated edition. Consequently, the Patent Gazette and the Invention Publication Gazette will begin implementing the 2026.01 edition of IPC in their issues released on March 21 and May 16, 2026, respectively.

The International Patent Classification (IPC) (Mandarin):

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/patents/479.html>

8. TIPO Releases English Translation of 2024 Patent Examination Guidelines: Part II, Chapters 1, 3, and 11

To maintain consistency between the English translation and the current Patent Examination Guidelines, TIPO has released the updated English version for Part II, covering Chapter 1 (Written Description, Claims, Abstract, and Drawings), Chapter 3 (Patentability), and Chapter 11 (Extension of Patent Term).

English version of the Patent Examination Guidelines, Part II, Chapter 1:<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/en/tipo2/375-3494.html>

English version of the Patent Examination Guidelines, Part II, Chapter 3:<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/en/tipo2/375-3493.html>

English version of the Patent Examination Guidelines, Part II, Chapter 11:<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/en/tipo2/375-3492.html>

9. TIPO Enhances Net-Zero Emissions Certification Mark Info Section

Aligning with global decarbonization trends and Taiwan's net-zero policies, TIPO has completed a comprehensive update of its "Net Zero Emissions Certification Mark Info Section." Originally launched in 2022 to facilitate the industrial green transition, this info section serves as a centralized repository for certification marks related to net-zero and environmental sustainability, accessible for public inquiry and industrial use.

Following a thorough review and update this year, the database now features 98 active green certification marks, organized into three distinct categories: Environmental Protection, Carbon Reduction, and Energy Conservation. In addition, the introduction pages for each certification mark were revised and expanded, along with links to the relevant registration information pages.

Beyond the existing categories, TIPO has introduced new filtering options by Government Agencies and Industrial Sectors, offering more diverse and efficient search pathways. These enhancements aim to streamline information access and improve the overall utility of the database for both the public and industrial stakeholders.

Net-Zero Emissions Certification Mark Info Section (Mandarin):

<https://www.tipo.gov.tw/tw/tipo1/106-21278.html>

10. Taiwan Patent GO Debuts at TaiSPO, Promoting a "Fit & Well" Lifestyle through Patent Innovation

TIPO's "Taiwan Patent GO" pavilion will make its debut at Sports and Fitness Taiwan (TaiSPO), held at Taipei Nangang Exhibition Center, Hall 2 (TaiNEX 2) from March 25 to 28. The pavilion is dedicated to showcasing the creative achievements of inventors and facilitating the expansion of patented products into both domestic and international markets.

TaiSPO marks the inaugural stop of the year for the "Taiwan Patent GO" pavilion. Capitalizing on the global surge in fitness and health awareness, the pavilion exhibits a curated selection of Taiwan's outstanding and award-winning patents related to health, safety, and sports. This international platform highlights the innovative prowess and competitive edge of patents in Taiwan's sports industry.

11. Ministry of Education's TANet Report Portal

The Ministry of Education (MOE) has established a mechanism to report suspected copyright infringement on college and university campuses. Hyperlinks directing to copyright-infringing foreign textbook websites can be reported through the dedicated TANet (Taiwan Academic Network) portal (abuse@moe.edu.tw). One case of infringement was reported this quarter.

12. Implementation Overview of the Protection Act for the Traditional Intellectual Creations of Indigenous Peoples by the Council of Indigenous Peoples

CIP commissioned a law firm specializing in intellectual property and Indigenous traditional intellectual creations to provide legal consultation services to Indigenous communities and the general public regarding the application of the Act. The firm also offers legal opinions and litigation-related project services needed by Indigenous peoples or tribes.

During this quarter, a total of 18 legal consultation sessions were provided, and 27 written legal opinions were issued on matters such as the identification and licensing of traditional intellectual creations, trademark applications, assisting Indigenous peoples in issuing letters to infringers to request retroactive licensing, and licensing agreements. Additionally, the firm also assisted Indigenous peoples in handling one case involving infringement of exclusive right.

Law Enforcement Results and Statistics

The National Police Agency of the Ministry of the Interior

Law Enforcement Results

Between January and March of 2026, a total of 244 cases involving 329 persons were investigated for violation of the Copyright Act, a total of 340 cases (444 persons) for violation of the Trademark Act, and 8 cases (20 persons) for violation of the Trade Secrets Act. A total of 592 cases involving 793 persons were investigated for various types of infringement. All the aforementioned persons were referred to the district prosecutor's offices for further investigation in accordance with the law.

Statistics for IP Infringement Cases by the National Police Agency, NPA

Unit : case/person

Year	Total		Trademark		Copyright			Trade Secrets	
	No. of Cases	No. of Suspects	No. of Cases	No. of Suspects	No. of Cases	No. of Suspects	No. of Cases	No. of Suspects	No. of Cases
2026 Jan.-Mar.	592	793	340	444	244	329	395	8	20
2025 Jan.-Mar.	349	463	166	209	179	248	0	4	6
Percentage Change %	69.63%	71.27%	104.82%	112.44%	36.31%	32.66%	-	100.00%	233.33%

Source: National Police Agency (NPA), Ministry of the Interior

Taiwan High Prosecutors Office (THPO)

Law Enforcement Results

1. According to the data from all the prosecutors offices, a total of 277 suspects were involved in 409 concluded cases of IPR infringement between January and March, of which 170 persons involved in 129 cases were prosecuted according to regular procedures, 98 persons involved in 93 cases were granted summary judgment, 175 persons across 154 cases received deferred prosecution, and 34 persons across 33 cases were not prosecuted nor punished by the court's sua sponte motion. 90 persons were convicted by the courts between January and March, for a conviction rate of 90.91%.
2. Among the aforementioned cases, a total of 26 suspects were involved in 8 confirmed cases of trade secrets infringement, of which 25 persons involved in 7 cases were prosecuted according to the usual procedures, 1 person across 1 case requested summary judgment. 5 persons were convicted by the courts between January and March, for a conviction rate of 100.0%.
3. A comparison to the same period in 2025 reveals the following regarding the number of prosecutions (including those who requested summary judgment) and convictions for cases of IPR infringement: 268 persons were prosecuted between January and March this year, marking an increase of 98 persons (57.6%) compared to 170 persons in the same period in 2025; 90 persons were convicted between January and March, marking an decrease of 59 persons (39.6%) compared to 149 persons in the same period in 2025.

Statistics for Final Court Decisions on IP Cases Brought by Various District Prosecutors Offices

Unit: Person

Categories	Year	Results of Court Rulings												
		Total	Subtotal	Sentence						Sentence Remitted	Acquitted	Not to Prosecuted	Case Rejected	Others
				Under 6 Months	6-12 Months	1-2 Year(s)	Over 2 Years	Detention	Fines					
Total	2026 Jan.-Mar.	133	90	25	1	3	-	57	4	0	9	0	34	0
	2025 Jan.-Mar.	228	149	45	0	1	-	86	17	0	20	0	59	0
	Percent Change %	-41.67%	-39.60%	-44.44%	-	200.00%	-	-33.72%	-76.47%	-	-55.00%	-	-42.37%	-

Source: Taiwan Prosecutors Office

The Customs Administration

Law Enforcement Results

1. In accordance with the *Regulations Governing Customs Measures in Protecting the Rights and Interests of Trademarks* and the *Operational Directions for Customs Authorities in Implementing Measures for Protecting the Rights and Interests of Patents and Copyrights*, the Customs Administration implemented various border enforcement actions. From January to March, Customs intercepted 68 inbound and 2 outbound cases involving trademark infringement, resulting in the seizure of 62,077 infringing items.
2. Between January and March, the Customs Administration received 36 requests for advice protection on trademark rights, 33 requests for extending the terms for

advice protection on trademark rights, and 76 requests for updating/supplementing documents and other matters, adding up to a total of 145 requests.

3. On January 6, Taichung Customs intercepted a sea-freight express shipment containing 2,050 pairs of counterfeit NIKE cotton socks. The infringing goods have been confiscated.
4. On February 4, Keelung Customs intercepted a sea-freight express shipment containing 100 counterfeit POLO men's shirts. The infringing goods have been confiscated.
5. On February 9, Taipei Customs intercepted air express shipments containing 72 counterfeit TAISHO Counterpain Analgesic Balm products and 100 sets of counterfeit Apple AirPods Pro. The infringing goods have been confiscated.

Ministry of Justice Investigation Bureau

Law Enforcement Results

In Q1, the Investigation Bureau referred a total of 28 cases of IP violations to district prosecutors' offices for further investigation, including 1 cases involving 4 persons for violation of the Copyright Act, 17 cases (17 persons) for violation of the Trademark Act, and 10 cases (24 persons) for the Trade Secrets Act.

International Exchange and Cooperation

1. TIPO

The “2026 Taiwan-EU Seminar: Using Intellectual Property to Achieve Net Zero” was held at Tsai Lecture Hall, College of Law, National Taiwan University on the afternoon of Tuesday, March 17. Centering on "IP Strategies and Practices for Net-Zero and Carbon Reduction in Taiwan and the EU," the seminar featured a distinguished lineup of speakers: Anneli Andresson (Policy Officer, DG TRADE, European Commission), Wen-Cheng Chung (Section Chief, TIPO), Alan Chapman (Head of Intellectual Property, Oxford PV), and Dylan Li (Head of ESG Consulting Office, Delta Electronics). From both regulatory and industrial perspectives, they shared the latest developments in IP strategies and measures supporting net-zero carbon reduction in Taiwan and the EU, as well as corporate ESG initiatives and IP portfolio planning undertaken in response to climate goals.

The seminar attracted over a hundred participants from the industrial, governmental, and academic sectors. Experts from both the EU and Taiwan engaged in active discussions and exchanged valuable insights and experiences throughout the event. This exchange has enhanced the stakeholders' understanding of the IP policies and measures advancing net-zero carbon reduction in Taiwan and the EU, which may also serve as a valuable reference for enterprises in managing their ESG-driven IP portfolios.

IPR Awareness Campaigns

1. Judicial Yuan

In the first quarter of 2026, the Judicial Yuan held a seminar on national security to enhance the intellectual property knowledge of IP judges and relevant judicial personnel. The goal was to keep pace with the rapid developments in the IP field and ensure that litigation practices align with current laws and evolving international trends.

2. Ministry of Justice

- (1) The Intellectual Property Branch of Taiwan High Prosecutors Office under the Ministry of Justice held the seminar “Shielded by Law: Safeguarding National Core Key Technologies” in northern, southern, and central Taiwan on March 11, 18, and 23, respectively. The seminar focused on national core key technologies and trade secrets, providing explanations and analyses from the perspectives of government policy, enforcement experience, and legal regulations, while also proposing corresponding strategies. The discussions offered valuable references for industry, academia, and research institutions in strengthening the protection and management of their R&D achievements and contributed to the establishment of a more comprehensive trade secret protection mechanism for national core key technologies in Taiwan.
- (2) The Investigation Bureau of the Ministry of Justice has incorporated trade secret violations into its anti-corruption efforts targeting businesses. From January to March, the Bureau conducted a total of 42 awareness sessions across industrial parks, major business associations, and corporate groups. Using real-life cases, these sessions emphasized the importance of protecting trade secrets. The events were attended by representatives from 371 companies, with a total of 4,835 participants.

3. The Customs Administration

To strengthen outreach to stakeholders regarding border measures and legal requirements related to intellectual property protection, the Customs Administration held the first 2026 customs broker forum and conducted stakeholder interviews at Keelung Customs and Taichung Customs in March.

4. Ministry of Foreign Affairs

MOFA published multiple reports related to Taiwan's intellectual property developments on *Taiwan Today*. These included:

(1) TAICCA Unveils 2026 Plans

English: <https://www.taiwantoday.tw/18/281826>

Spanish: <https://noticias.nat.gov.tw/92/281836>

German: <https://taiwanheute.tw/121/281909>

(2) 2026 Science & Technology Advisory Meeting: Promoting the Ten Major AI Infrastructure Projects

French: <https://taiwaninfo.nat.gov.tw/47/280179>

German: <https://taiwanheute.tw/120/280210>

(3) 2026 Taipei International Book Exhibition Draws 580,000 Visitors, Strengthening Taiwan's Global Cultural Presence

French: <https://taiwaninfo.nat.gov.tw/53/28185>

German: <https://taiwanheute.tw/120/281574>

Indonesian: <https://id.taiwantoday.tw/466/28145>

(4) Taiwan and the EU Signed Administrative Arrangement on Mutual Recognition of Variety Rights Verification Reports for Phalaenopsis and Oncidium Orchids

English: <https://www.taiwantoday.tw/6/281795>

French: <https://taiwaninfo.nat.gov.tw/53/281851>

- (5) Taiwan Deepens Participation at Series Mania Forum in Lille and Launches New Award (French):
<https://taiwaninfo.nat.gov.tw/62/282690>
- (6) TAICCA Partners with Amarin Publishing to Promote Taiwanese Creative Works at Thailand’s National Book Fair (Thai):
<https://th.taiwantoday.tw/468/282248>
- (7) Taiwan Ranks Fifth in Global Economic Freedom Index (Thai):
<https://th.taiwantoday.tw/468/282248>
- (8) 2026 Culture Points Program Supports Cultural Exploration Among Youth Aged 13–22 (Thai):
<https://th.taiwantoday.tw/471/280802>

5. Ministry of Education

The Ministry of Education held the 2026 National Conference for University Presidents in Taiwan on January 22 and 23, urging universities and colleges to continue implementing the Action Plan for Campus Intellectual Property Protection. Additionally, in February, the MOE sent notices to public and private universities reminding students to use legitimate textbooks, including secondhand textbooks, and to refrain from illegally photocopying, downloading, or uploading books and teaching materials. The Ministry also promoted TIPO’s “Copyright Handbook for Teachers” as a reference resource for instructors to strengthen their awareness and understanding of copyright protection.

6. TIPO

In March, TIPO aired a 30-second promotional animation clip titled “Purchase Legitimate Digital Textbooks” on the smart display panels at 56 bus stops operated by the Taipei City Public Transportation Office.